

LOUISIANA.

The Synod's Committee of Home Missions was in session in New Orleans on Tuesday of last week.

New Orleans: The Presbytery of New Orleans stands adjourned, to meet on Monday, January 18, at 2 o'clock p. m., in the lecture room of the First church, New Orleans.

—Rev. W. F. Price, of Files Valley, Texas, supplied the pulpit of the First Church on Sunday before last, and Rev. Geo. D. Booth, of Monroe, on last Sunday, on last Sunday.

—The Union Communion service on the first Sunday of the year was a solemn and delightful one. Despite the bad weather, a goodly number of communicants, representing all the churches, were present. A thoughtful and suggestive address was made by Rev. Charles S. Sholl, pastor of the Canal Street Church, on "The Hands of Jesus." Among the communicants was one beloved woman, ripe in years and faith, Mrs. James McCracken, who has not missed one of these communions since they were begun, forty-three years ago.

The Opening of the Free Clinic of the Presbyterian hospital of New Orleans will take place on Thursday afternoon, January 14, at 3 o'clock, at 628 Carondelet street. We acknowledge the handsome invitation that has been given us to be present.

The Woman's Home Missionary Union of New Orleans Presbytery held its annual meeting in the Carrollton church on Friday. The morning was devoted to business and the afternoon to addresses. The Union has been established only three years, but has accomplished much in that short time. There are now connected with it nineteen adult societies and twelve junior societies. Mrs. J. C. Barr was re-elected president and Mrs. H. W. Burwell, whose health has made it impossible for her to continue in active service, was made honorary superintendent. Rev. Jno. W. Caldwell, Jr., pastor of the Carrollton church, conducted the devotional exercises and made a welcoming address. The treasurer's report showed \$276.57 as collected during the year. Miss Rowena McMillan was re-elected treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Orr recording secretary and Miss Daisy Dwyer corresponding secretary. An invitation was given to the union to attend the opening exercises of the Free Clinic of the Presbyterian hospital next Thursday afternoon. Addresses were delivered by Rev. D. L. Price, of Alexandria, and Rev. Chas. S. Sholl, pastor of the Canal Street church, New Orleans.

MARYLAND.

Springfield: The first Sunday of January was an unusual occasion in this church. The Lord's supper was celebrated and twelve persons united with the church on confession of faith. Nine families were represented by these persons, three of whom were heads of families. The spiritual condition of this church is now better than at any time during the six years of the present pastorate.

Baltimore: About seventy-five of the leading Protestant churches in nearly all sections of the city will co-operate in holding a series of simultaneous evangel-

istic services from February 3 to 22. Rev. Dr. Henry Ostrom, of Greencastle, Ind., the evangelist who was so favorably received last summer at Emory Grove camp meeting, has been chosen to conduct the meetings. He will be aided by the seventy-five pastors and large numbers of personal workers from each of the churches. Rev. Charles Stelzle, who has worked in a sweatshop, sold papers and organized many missions of laboring men, preached Sunday, January 10, at Ford's opera house, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association. Rev. Mr. Stelzle is superintendent of the new department of the church and labor of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., but still retains his membership in the International Association of Machinists.

MISSOURI.

St. Charles: The First Presbyterian church recently purchased the religious section of the library of the Joseph Alexander, an honored elder in this church for nearly forty years, and placed it in the pastor's study as a memorial for the long and faithful service of this godly elder. This is a well-chosen and very valuable library of three hundred and forty volumes, placed in a double revolving case, and will be of great benefit and a source of pleasure to the pastor and the church for many years to come. At the regular quarterly communion, on January 3, the pastor announced the names of eight members who had been received since the present pastorate began six months ago, for which we thank God and take courage. During Christmas the pastor and his family were very kindly remembered in a substantial way by a generous and appreciative people, for which we are truly grateful to them and to the Giver of All Good.

J. E. F.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Davidson: The spring term of the college opened on January 6, with a large number of the students promptly in place, and practically all have reported in the class room, and there will be no delay whatever in the resumption of work. The initial day of the term was marked by the presence of the Lyceum Grand Concert Company, which, in the Biblical Hall, gave an entertainment as scheduled in the Y. M. C. A. Lyceum course of the year. The holiday season, longer this year than usual, was rather quiet at Davidson. Rev. Dr. C. M. Richards is preaching to large audiences every Sunday and proving an attractive preacher to the public in general, not to mention especially the students to whom his ministry, as already evidenced, is most acceptable.

Montreat: The work at this place is moving forward with much encouragement, and the new pastor, Dr. Scanlon, formerly of Berryville, Va., is getting acquainted with the needs of the field and is prosecuting the work vigorously. Thirteen persons were received into the church on last Sabbath, and steps are being taken looking forward to the erection, in the near future, of a much-needed manse.

Center Church has recently been strengthened by the addition of two ruling elders, Messrs. B. S. Templeton and T. F. Young. A third elder, Mr. T. J. Williams, was elected, but declined to

serve. The congregation of this church gladdened their pastor's heart a few days before Christmas by a generous "pounding."

The Mallard Creek Church held its customary holiday social at the manse on January 1. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present, who, as an expression of their pleasure, left very many articles for the pantry.

Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth, the pastor of the Morganton Church, is now away on a month's vacation. It is his plan to visit Brunswick, Ga., where he was formerly pastor, and Atlanta, Ga. The Morganton Church has voted to continue to support its representative on the foreign field, Dr. David Stuart, of Soochow, China.

The Gastonia Church has recently been strengthened by the addition of eleven new members. Almost immediately after the building of the church manse, and before it was fully paid for, the Lory Church was built, at a cost of about \$3,000, and the payment of the debt on the manse was postponed. There was due on the manse \$1,050. On Sabbath evening, December 6, a number of our good men, at the call of the board of deacons, met in the church, opened their meeting with prayer and closed with singing the long meter doxology. At this meeting the \$1,050 debt was raised.

Olney and Union Churches: During the summer months the pastor of these churches has been preaching at each church every Sunday; but owing to the days growing so much shorter, the schedule has been changed to the original. Services at Union morning and night on the first and third Sabbaths, and at Olney on the second and fourth Sabbaths.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Pickens: At the communion service in December, one member was received on profession of faith—a young physician. He also presented his infant child for baptism. Two additional elders and three deacons have been installed recently. A new roof has been put on the church, and the interior has been greatly improved. A new stove and new song books have been added.

Clinton: The First Church has had a good and successful year, the forty-fifth of the present pastor. There were seventy-three additions during the year, most of them on profession of faith, and fifty-five of these from the Sabbath school. Members were added to the church every month through the year, without exception. The Sabbath school averaged an attendance of 370 the entire year. The Ladies' Aid Society and the Deacons' Court have resolved to equip the church with a \$3,000.00 pipe organ, each assuming one-half the cost. A church library has been begun, and it is hoped it will do good work. The various societies of the church have all done well. The prayer meetings, of which there are several, have been well attended. There is a Y. M. C. A. among the young men of the college, and another among the boys of the Thornwell Orphanage. The week of prayer was observed with success, large congregations attending, though there was

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